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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: OFFICIAL SUMMARY RECORD

7/9/76

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL SUMMARY RECORD
FOR THE NEGOTIATING SESSION OF JULY 9, 1976.

QUOTE: THE SESSION CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ
INDICATED THAT A PROBLEM HAD ARISEN IN THE LABOR WORKING GROUP
DURING THE JULY 8 AFTERNOON SESSION, WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS
ATTRIBUTED TO A MISUNDERSTANDING. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN STATING TO
AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN THAT THE NEW BASE AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR
THE CONTINUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT IN FORCE, EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY
THE BASE AGREEMENT, HE WAS REFERRING TO AN AGREEMENT IN FORCE
WITH A SPECIFIED TERM, MORE PARTICULARLY, THE COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF JANUARY 1979.
AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN NOTED THE 1968 BASE LABOR AGREEMENT

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HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED.

" UNDERSECRETARY INCIONG POINTED OUT THAT IN A JULY 7 WORKING GROUP SESSION A FORMULATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN WHICH PHILIPPINE LABOR LAW WOULD APPLY EXCEPT AS MAY BE MODIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN NOTED THAT HIS FORMULA WOULD REQUIRE A DETAILED AND CUMBERSOME LIST OF EXCEPTIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FORMULATION OF ACCEPTING THE BASE LABOR AGREEMENT, EXCEPT AS MODIFIED, WOULD BE A NEATER AND MORE FLEXIBLE WAY OF HANDLING THE LABOR ARTICLE.

" FOLLOWING A BRIEF RECESS, THE PANELS AGREED THE LABOR GROUPS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE CLARIFIED POSITIONS.

" IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER REQUEST BY AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ, MAJ GEN MANOR BRIEFED THE PANELS ON THE TOPIC OF RADAR RADIATION AT WALLACE AIR STATION. HE NOTED ALL RADAR EMISSIONS WERE WELL WITHIN HUMAN TOLERANCES. THE US PANEL AGREED TO PROVIDE THE PHILIPPINE PANEL WITH A WRITTEN COPY OF THE BRIEFING AND INFORMATION ON HARMFUL EFFECTS OF EXCESSIVE RADAR EMISSIONS.

"THE US PANEL INFORMED THE PHILIPPINE PANEL THAT THE US WAS INQUIRING INTO REPORTS THAT FILIPINO CITIZENS HAD BEEN INJURED OR KILLED AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED EXPLOSIONS IN OR NEAR BOMBING RANGES ON THE ZAMBALES PENINSULA WHICH ARE USED BY US MILITARY FORCES. THE PHILIPPINE PANEL EXPRESSED ITS DEEP INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

"THE PANELS AGREED TO RECONVENE AT 9:30 A.M. JULY 12. THE SESSION ADJOURNED INTO WORKING GROUPS AT 11.00 AM. END QUOTE. SULLIVAN

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